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SUBJECT : ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. WE WERE TOLD APRIL 3 BY TALBAR, ASSTDIRGEN OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THAT AFTER ATTENDING GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA LAST MONTH HE VISITED BONN, PARIS AND ROME FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ISRAEL/EC TRADE AGREEMENT. HE SAID NOTHING MUCH HAD HAPPENED SINCE ISRAEL REJECTED ORIGINAL EC MANDATE LAST SUMMER. MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT LAST MONTH WAS TO MAKE FORMAL GOI REQUEST THAT NEW TRADE AGREEMENT PERMIT POSTPONEMENT OF FURTHER TARIFF REDUCTIONS AFFECTING EC UNTIL 1978 FOR "ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF ISRAEL'S INDUSTRIAL IMPORT". HE SAID ITEMS AFFECTED WOULD COVER BULK OF US INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS TO ISRAEL.

2. TALBAR SAID THAT EUROPEANS HAD NOT REJECTED THIS REQUEST OUT OF HAND ALTHOUGH THEY, ESPECIALLY ITALIANS, WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT. IN ANY EVENT, BALL IS NOW IN EC COURT. EC MUST AGREE ON NEW EC MANDATE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ISRAELIS, HOWEVER, DO NOT EXPECT EARLY ACTION BY EC IN
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LIGHT MANY MAJOR PROBLEMS BEFORE EC AT PRESENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT CITRUS, TALBAR SAID THAT THERE
HAD BEEN NO MOVEMENT. IN HIS VIEW, EC WAS UNWILLING TO MEET
ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR SAME TARIFF TREATMENT EXTENDED TO MAGHREB
STATES PRIMARILY BECAUSE EC WOULD HAVE TO DO SAME FOR SPAIN.
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